



CHAP. McDONALD leaves for overseas

Chaplain At RC Is Commended Before Leaving

Chaplain Isaac I. McDonald, who was recently transferred from the Reception Center for overseas assignment, was awarded the Fourth Service Command Certificate of Commendation in recognition of his exceptional service performed by him at Fort Benning, it has been announced by Col. John P. Edgerly, Commanding Officer of the Reception Center.

Chaplain McDonald, who holds the rank of captain, served with the Reception Center since July 27, 1943, and was promoted to his present rank last June.

The Certificate of Commendation was awarded to him upon recommendation of Col. Edgerly and Maj. Gen. F. E. Uhl, Commanding General of the Fourth Service Command.

It reads: "During this period Chaplain McDonald performed all the duties incident to his assignment in a most outstanding and superior manner. His broad vision, thorough understanding of human nature, excellent judgment, and tact made a substantial contribution to maintaining a high morale and discipline in the Reception Center and its associated activities."

"In addition to displaying unusual zeal and efficiency in the pastoral duties of his assignment, he concerned himself with the physical welfare of members of the command and their families and made valuable suggestions for the improvement of discipline, training, recreation, and general success of the Reception Center."

NOT PRESENT

The change in orders transferring Chaplain McDonald, prevented the presentation of the certificate with appropriate ceremonies before his departure, Col. Edgerly explained. The certificate was forwarded him by air mail and will reach him in the staging area to which he was ordered.

"In addition to this official commendation Chaplain McDonald carries with him a sense of obligation and gratitude of all members of the Reception Center for his untiring devotion to their interests," Col. Edgerly stated.

Chaplain McDonald performed many duties at the Reception Center. He gave orientation lectures to the new recruits, supervised the Sunday School and Bible classes, conducted prayer meetings, visited patients in the hospital wards, appeared on civilian programs and held daily consultations with many of the men of the Reception Center who were in need of his advice and service.

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Paratroop WACs Plan RC Party

Personnel of the WAC Detachment of The Parachute School will celebrate their first anniversary at Fort Benning by staging a ball for benefit of the Red-Cross fund campaign on March 13.

Two hundred of the WACs will be present at the dance, which will be conducted in the B stage gymnasium at Lawson Field. Dancing will be from 8:00 to 11:30 p. m. (e. w. t.) and an invitation to military personnel from all units on the post to attend has been issued by the WAC personnel.

Dancing will be to the strains of the 22nd Dance Orchestra led by Sgt. Torre Muro. There will be refreshments and the girls are planning on money raising events to help swell the coffers of the Red Cross fund. Transportation to various parts of the post will be arranged.

Directive Issued Concerning Wear Of Battle Stars

Headquarters, Replacement and School Command, Army Ground Force, recently issued a directive to be used in determining eligibility for theater ribbons and battle stars affecting officers and enlisted men who have returned from overseas and believe themselves entitled to the battle stars and theater ribbons although no entry has been made on their WAGO Forms 66-1 or service record. The directive reads: "Since information is not always readily available to determine eligibility of an officer or an enlisted man, it is the policy of the command to issue a theater ribbon or bronze battle star, it appears practicable at this time to accept the certificate of an officer or the affidavit of an enlisted man, and with use of pertinent regulations governing the subject, determine their eligibility to the respective devices."

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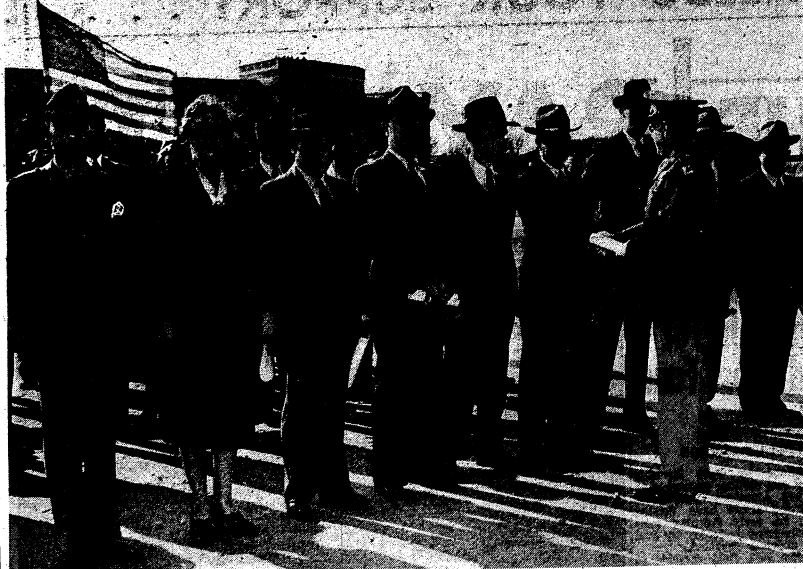
Since Pearl Harbor more than one million people have been trained by the American Red Cross to render emergency aid more than 7,000,000 first aid certificates were issued during the last 12 months. There are over 100,000 active first aid instructors on the Red Cross rolls.

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25-YEAR SERVICE AWARDS were presented to the eight civilian employees shown above at last Friday's station complement retreat parade. At the extreme left is Capt. Samuel R. McFalls, commanding officer of Supply Detachment, Section 1, who served as military escort for the honorees, while at the right is shown Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander; congratulating one of the veteran civilians. The honorees are, left to right: Mrs. Ethel K. Blair, William J. Blair (they are husband and wife), Creel B. Butler, William A. Ford, Henry B. Hug, Oscar Nance, William A. Rogers, and Fred A. Whitaker. One other honoree, Fred J. Corrigan, was unable to be present for the ceremony. (Signal Lab Photo by Pic. Phil Charleson.)

4 Members of 472d MPEG Co., Former Post Outfit, Decorated

Four "Bronze Stars" have been awarded to four members of the 472d Military Police Escort Guard Company for their participation in the Battle of the German Breakthrough last Fall. It was revealed in a letter written from the German front last week. The campaign stars were awarded to Captain Ernest F. Jansky of West, Tex., company commander; Lt. John Mathis of Syracuse, N. Y.; Sgt. Jerome Edward Kolosky of Newark, N. J.

SERVED HERE

The 472d Military Police Escort Guard Company was stationed at the Fort Benning Prisoner of War Camp from August, 1943, to January, 1944, when it left for further training at Fort Custer, Mich., and eventual shipment overseas to handle German prisoners of war since the Normandy invasion.

In letters this week members of the company described the presentation of the bronze stars to the quartet for "meritorious service."

STRAFED BY NAZIS

During the attempted 7th Army breakthrough around Avaranches, last Fall, the company was escorting several hundred prisoners of war from the front lines to a rear corral when the column was strafed and bombed by the German air force.

The report described the loss of "quite a few prisoners" and about six GIs. Sergeant Legge's section was the hardest hit; the report continues, "taking most of the hell."

Captain Jansky, who was well-known around Fort Benning both from his service here with the 472d and a previous "hit" with The Infantry School early in the war, received the awards for the four men with his customary modesty and shyness for citations.



CAPT. JANSKY Well-Known Here

heralded role and they deserve the decorations," Captain Jansky declared.

CHESSIER LAUDS

Col. George M. Chessier, commanding officer of the PW Camp under whom Captain Jansky's outfit served, yesterday expressed extreme pleasure upon learning that the quartet of former Fort Benning men had been decorated for their valor under fire.

"Captain Jansky and his entire company were a credit to the Prisoner of War Camp during their service here and it is not at all surprising to me that they have been recognized for meritorious service in the face of the enemy," Col. Chessier declared.

Following completion of basic training at Fort Custer, Mich., in August, 1943, 472d Company was assigned to Fort Benning PW Camp. Captain Jansky's company undertook the dull routine of prisoner chasing and stockade guard as part of their extended field training attaining "excellent" and "superior" on periodic inspections.

INTO FRANCE

On Jan. 26, 1944, the company was ordered back to Fort Custer for further training and shipment overseas in April. The company was first stationed in Southern England and entered France three days after "D-Day" invasion of Normandy.

Since that time the company has been right in the middle of the fighting across France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Holland, and is now in Germany itself.

Know Your Red Cross Director!

Ralph L. George, Assistant Field Director of the American Red Cross at Fort Benning, is in charge of the Accounting Department at the Main Post.

Mr. George was born on a farm near Carrollton, Ohio, September 17, 1906. After completing high school he attended the Oberlin School of Business Administration. He moved to Canton, Ohio, in 1929 where he was Secretary of the Business Men's Credit Bureau, Secretary of the Ohio Association of Mercantile Agencies, Vice-president of the Canton Kiwanis Club, President of the Board of Trustees of the First United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. George volunteered for service with the Red Cross on January 16, 1944, and was sent to Washington for preliminary training. From there he was sent to Fort Jackson, he arrived at Fort Benning January 8, 1944 to take charge of the Accounting Department, arriving just in time to take a most active part in the 1944 Red Cross War Fund Drive.

Mr. George is married, lives in Benning Park, and has one son attending the Baker Village High School and who incidentally plays on the Baker Village football team.

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Two Wounds Failed to Keep Trooper From Holland Jump

Two wounds in the same leg during widely separated actions in the European Theatre of Operations did not prevent Staff Sergeant James A. Rivenbark from taking part in the war's greatest airborne operation to date... the assault on Nijmegen, Holland, in September, 1944.

A veteran paratrooper with a long combat record behind him, Sergeant Rivenbark is with the Second Parachute Training Regiment in the Alabama area where he received his advanced training in 1942.

Vet of Aleutians Assigned to Profs

Warrant Officer (Junior grade) Robert G. Hilliard, who served 36 months in Alaska and the Aleutians with the Fourth Infantry Regiment, has been transferred to the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School and appointed assistant adjutant and regimental postal officer.

A former student of the Universities of Missouri and South Dakota, he enlisted in July, 1940, and went to Alaska a year before Pearl Harbor. He was appointed warrant officer from the grade of staff sergeant in December, 1942, while en route from Anchorage to Adak, and was stationed on Attu when his unit was bombed there.

Christopher Sholes, who invented the typewriting machine in 1867, had Western Union operators demonstrate the invention.

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"Being Lost In New Guinea Jungles No Picnic," Says South Pacific Vet

Being lost in the New Guinea jungles for eight months, according to Pvt. Robert E. Platz of Noble, Ohio, who has just returned to this country after months in the South Pacific.

Pvt. Platz, who wears the Distinguished Unit Citation with Oak Leaf Clusters, American Defense and American Theater ribbons, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater ribbon with three bronze stars, the Combat Infantryman's badge and the Good Conduct ribbon, has been assigned to the Military Police Detachment at Fort Benning, under the Army's rotation plan.

40TH DIVISION

Inducted on August 8, 1941, he took his basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and was then assigned to the 40th Division, December, 1941. He went overseas with the 32nd Division.

After three months of preparation in Australia, the division moved to New Guinea, and were among the first to participate in jungle warfare.

It was while he was in New Guinea that Pvt. Platz was lost in the jungle for eight days.

DESERTED VILLAGE

"We were bivouaced in a deserted native village," he stated. "Some of the fellows slept on the ground and others in native huts. There was only one hut that had a door, so four of us took over. Unfortunately it was on the opposite end of the village. Early one morning our outfit moved on and we were so far from the rest of the fellows that we didn't hear them. You can't imagine how we felt when we woke up and found that everyone else had gone. We started out to follow the outfit, but headed the wrong way. We wandered for two days without food or anything to drink until we came to a native settlement. We couldn't understand the natives except one native boy who had travelled with missionaries. We were able to make him understand what we wanted, and after getting food, he started out with us. We had no idea where our outfit was, so he led us from one native village to the next. We finally came to a village they had gone through and followed the directions of the natives from one

settlement to the next until we caught up with Headquarters and Headquarters company of the rear echelon. From there we found out where our company was."

BROKE WRIST

He next went to Port Moresby and from there to Buna Mission where he broke his wrist as it slipped under the wheel of a jeep he was trying to free from the deep, oozy mud. "The next six months he spent in hospitals in Port Moresby and Brisbane, and now carries a silver plate in place of part of the bone his wrist."

Upon his return to duty, he was sent to Goodenough Island for six months and then returned to New Guinea where he was assigned to Military Police Detachment. Here his work consisted of guarding the docks, patrolling the roads and directing traffic, which was very heavy as supply trucks carried supplies from the ships to various points on the island and then carried it back to the port when ships from the fighting zones came in to be loaded.

PLEW PRISONERS

The MPs also guarded the Japanese prisoners who were flown 125 miles to Port Moresby by plane. "Although we usually didn't know just how to operate it, and before he was about to find out, the pilot knocked him out with the butt of a .45 automatic.

"Our biggest trouble with the natives," he said, "was when we had them carry wounded Japs to the rear. The Japs had mistreated them with so many forms of torture that the natives would kill them instead of taking them back. On the other hand, our Medics treated any natives who needed it, and thereby gained their friendship."

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20 Benning Nurses Receive Promotions

Promotions have been in order for a score of Army Nurses stationed at Fort Benning's ASF Regional Hospital.

Now authorized to change their gold bars for silver ones are 1st Lts. Florence Bolden, Lucille Brown, Carrie Buchanan, Ruth Cornelius, Margaret Costello, Rosalie DiMaggio, Grace Dismuke, Maxine Duckett, Ivy Fountain, Louise Mace, Faye Matter, Carolyn Menor, Evelyn Myers, Helen Pine, Eva Shaw, Hermione Smith, Edna Southern, Thelma Stakston, Mary Stephens, and Ella Whitfield.

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No. 7: BRING ON YOUR GIRLS with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.

No. 10: BETRAYAL FROM THE EAST with Lee Tracy and Nancy Kelly.

Nos. 11 & 12: A SONG TO REMEMBER with Paul Muni and Merle Oberon.

FRIDAY

Nos. 1 & 8: I'LL BE SEEING YOU with Ginger Rogers and Joseph Cotten.

Nos. 2 & 3: NOTHING BUT TROUBLE with Laurel and Hardy.

Nos. 4 & 5: KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY with Lana Turner and Laraine Day.

No. 7: THE CISCO KID RETURNS with Duncan Renaldo and Martin Garralaga.

No. 10: A GUY, A GAL AND A PAL with Lynn Merrick and Ross Hunter.

No. 11: BRING ON THE GIRLS with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.

Nos. 11 & 12: FRISCO SAL with Susanna Foster and Turhan Bey.

SATURDAY

Nos. 1 & 8: STRANGE ILLUSION with James Lydon and Sally Eilers.

Nos. 2 & 3: I'LL BE SEEING YOU with Ginger Rogers and Joseph Cotten.

Nos. 4 & 5: THE GREAT FLAMARION with Erich Von Stroheim and Mary Hughes.

No. 7: KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY with Lana Turner and Laraine Day.

No. 10: BRING ON THE GIRLS with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.

Nos. 11 & 12: BETRAYAL FROM THE EAST with Lee Tracy and Nancy Kelly.

SUNDAY

Nos. 1 & 8: GOD IS MY CO-PILOT with Dennis Morgan and Raymond Massey.

Nos. 2 & 3: I'LL BE SEEING YOU with Ginger Rogers and Joseph Cotten.

Nos. 4 & 5: NOTHING BUT TROUBLE with Laurel and Hardy.

No. 7: KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY with Lana Turner and Laraine Day.

No. 10: STRANGE ILLUSION with James Lydon and Sally Eilers.

Nos. 11 & 12: BRING ON THE GIRLS with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.

MONDAY

Nos. 1 & 8: GOD IS MY CO-PILOT with Dennis Morgan and Raymond Massey.

Nos. 2 & 3: STRANGE ILLUSION with James Lydon and Sally Eilers.

Nos. 4 & 5: I'LL BE SEEING YOU with Ginger Rogers and Joseph Cotten.

No. 7: THE GREAT FLAMARION with Erich Von Stroheim and Mary Hughes.

No. 10: KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY with Lana Turner and Laraine Day.

Nos. 11 & 12: BRING ON THE GIRLS with Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake.

TUESDAY

Nos. 1 & 8: THE UNSEEN with Joe McCrea and Gail Russell.

Nos. 2 & 3: GOD IS MY CO-PILOT with Dennis Morgan and Raymond Massey.

Nos. 4 & 5: I'LL BE SEEING YOU with Ginger Rogers and Joseph Cotten.

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WEDNESDAY

Nos. 1 & 8: CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE with Michael O'Shea and Lloyd Nolan.

Nos. 2 & 3: GOD IS MY CO-PILOT with Dennis Morgan and Raymond Massey.

Nos. 4 & 5: STRANGE ILLUSION with James Lydon and Sally Eilers.

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LOCATION OF THEATERS

- No. 1—Main Theater, opp. Main Cafeteria, Wold and Ingersoll.
- No. 2—Wold and Anderson.
- No. 3—Indianhead road near Bradshaw TFS area.
- No. 4—Harmony Church, Hershey and Alcaney Roads.
- No. 5—Harmony Church, Hourglass road, near PW Camp.
- No. 6—Sand Hill (Closed until further notice).
- No. 7—Sand Hill area, Third and Scott Roads.
- No. 8—Main Post near Block 21.
- No. 10—Alabama Area, 101st Airborne Division road.
- No. 11—Harmony Church, Eighth Division and Cusseta roads.
- No. 12—Harmony Church, End of Wood road.

An Army Wife Shops In Columbus

By Phyllis

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ENTERTAINMENT

When to Go To the USO

The 99th AGF Dance Orchestra will provide the music for the first dance in the recently redecorated gym of the Ninth Street USO to night.

Tomorrow evening the Cotillion Club will sponsor a party at the 11th Street USO with dancing, games and entertainment forming the main attractions. An Officer Candidate invitation will be held at the Third Avenue Club, while movie lovers who missed Billie Crosby and Fitzgerald in "Going My Way" may see a repeat of the Broadway Salvation Army Club.

Saturday's activities include dances or parties at all of the USOs. The 22nd AGF Dance Band will play for the Ninth Street Club's shindig, while the 21st will host their horns at the 11th Street organization. Broadway USO features an hour's stage show, with local talent that Jimmie Scott says is sure to please recreation thirsty GIs. And the Third Avenue USO will sponsor another of those ever popular house parties.

Full facilities of all the clubs are open Sunday for GIs and their guests, although Third Avenue has planned a discussion of The Waltz Conference for its Sunday afternoon "Bag Group." The fellowship supper will follow the USO music and voice at Boston University upon his discharge from the Army.

Private King, whose home is in Detroit, Mich., sang for competitive purposes the beloved melody, "Without A Song." By popular request he sang the very popular song, "I'm Making Believe" as an encore.

The young soldier's voice showed the benefit of the excellent training he had received while attending Wayne University and the Detroit Conservatory of Musical Arts. He intends to study music and voice at Boston University upon his discharge from the Army.

Winning the first prize among servicemen at the USO sponsored affair Private King was given the privilege of being the guest of "Miss Columbus," the attractive Miss Olga Coffee of Columbus, on last Sunday.

The ACRS, headed by Pvt. Dion Muse, arranged a series of activities for the winner and hostesses. The couple attended church services in the morning, toured both the Main Post and the Harmony Church area at Fort Benning plus the many spots of interests in and about the city. They terminated an enjoyable day as guests of honor at a veterans services held at the USO.

Featuring in "Hi Jinks" are such well-known performers as Albert and Josephine Contreras, a songster team; Gen. Williams, who plays three clarinets at once; The Three Belles, a harmony trio; and Milton Waller, who does piano monologues, leads in minute singing and amuses.

"Hi Jinks" At Two Hospitals

"Hi Jinks," another rollicking USO Hospital Show, will visit Fort Benning week-end, playing at the ASF Regional Hospital on the main post Friday and at Harmony Church on Saturday.

In addition to the feature performance at 7:30 p. m. each night in the Red Cross rec hall at each hospital, the performers will also tour the wards both days between one and six o'clock, singing and cutting comedy capers for the bed patients.

Rhumba Band At 2d Army Dance

The 22nd Rhumba Band, under Sgt. Frohman, will furnish the music Friday night when Headquarters Detachment of Fourth Headquarters, Special Troops, Second Army, holds a dinner dance at the Cherokee Lodge, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Under the direction of T-Sgt. Kenneth Blum of Fourth Headquarters, arrangements have been concluded for what one of the boys calls a "super-deluxe dance, with all the trimmings," including music, dinner, dates, dancing and entertainment.

WAG GUESTS. Guests have been selected from the WAC Detachment at Harmony Church, and blind dates will be paired off by an ingenious selection system devised by Sgt. Sam Ferber, Supply Sergeant. Married men will bring their wives.

In addition to Detachment enlisted men, there will be present at the dinner dance all Fourth Headquarters officers, including Colonel Richard W. Carter, Commanding Officer; Lieutenant Colonel Edward G. Johnston, Executive Officer; and Lieutenant Colonel Arthur H. Black, Adjutant.

The Parachute School will further cooperate with the current Red Cross Drive by presenting the TPS Revue for nine performances on three consecutive days, at the Royal Theater in Columbus, Georgia. This will be in addition to the regular screen program scheduled on the theater's calendar for these days.

The TPS Revue will be seen three times a day, once in the afternoon and twice in the evening, from March 8th until March 10th inclusive. All the proceeds from these performances will be turned over to the Red Cross.

Many of the favorite performers of the Parachute School will combine their talents to make this a well-rounded show. A variety of ingredients have been blended to make this entertainment a tasty dish, including the comedy of Kelly and Grey, the music of the 22nd AGF Rhumba Band, the hill billy songs of Sergeant Benny Doss, novelty acts, and broad burlesque.

The Book Shop

By EILEEN REMINGTON

The editorial in the Sunday Ledger—Enquirer entitled "The Execution of Dr. Fu" left me heartbroken when I had finished reading it.

I suppose there is some basis for the decisions of the diplomatic world that Dr. Fu must come to an untimely end, but to me the end is just that untimely!

The execution of Dr. Fu—who, incidentally sprang, like Minerva, full-grown from the brain of one Sax Rohmer—is an indecate act of torture directed at us mystery-adventure story lovers.

Personally, I have always liked Dr. Fu for the simple reason that he is so very, very sinister, and so very, very clever. I have always, naturally enough, thought of him as being an Oriental, but I have never consciously thought of him as being of the Chinese nationality.

As was suggested in the Ledger-Enquirer editorial, "maybe we can ask that the whole thing be thrashed out by the international conference in San Francisco in April."

I shudder to think of all the wounding characters of fiction who will have to be "wiped out" diplomatically should all nations become incensed about fictional characters!

There is "The Saint"—that happy-go-lucky Robinhood of English lineage—created by Leslie Charteris—his death would have even more serious effect on mystery-adventure than does that of Dr. Fu!

Enough of such sad thoughts. There are more cheerful things up for discussion. For instance, this book by George and Helen Papashvilly called "Anything Can Happen"—and it usually does!

"Anything Can Happen" is a book that is full of laughter and tears. It is like George who describes himself as being "happy and full of prance." It is a book that will stay with you for a long time because it is a book that you will enjoy thoroughly—while you are reading it, and again, when you remember.

215th Ordnance Holds Gala Party

The 215th Ordnance Battalion celebrated its first year of existence last Thursday night with a party held at the "1200 Club" in the afternoon.

Occupying seats of honor at the party, at which over forty people were present, were the six enlisted men who were among the original cadre which activated the Battalion in March, 1944. M-Sgt. Richard O. White, Sgt. Major: T-Sgt. William A. Marion, T-Sgt. Theodore H. Stewart, Sgt. Harold Bonous, Sgt. James Orwick, and Cpl. James Cannon.



CUTE ANDREA KING is the femme star of "God Is My Co-Pilot," the stirring war film that will tour post theaters in the next week.

TPS Souvenir Book Now at Exchange

The attractive brochure, a pictorial history of The Parachute School, is now available in every one of the Fort Benning Post Exchange. Priced at \$1.15, it is a handsome souvenir of The Parachute School, a memento every paratrooper will cherish. It also makes an attractive and appropriate gift for the folks at home.

Edited by the Public Relations Office of The Parachute School, this brochure's 64 pages include more than 100 pictures of the training program and other activities of the school. Most of these photographs, which include excellent jump shots, were taken by The Parachute School photographer; all of them are official Army pictures.

Because of paper shortages, the edition is a limited one. Those who would like to have one of these souvenirs should purchase it without delay.

Demolitions Man In Air Interview

"There is no such thing as an old, careless demolitions man" answered Pvt. John B. Ryan repeating a safety axiom of the Pioneer & Demolition Course of The Infantry School, at a radio interview Monday evening in connection with various operations of Infantry Training Detachment No. 2 School Troops of The Infantry School.

Private Ryan represented personnel participating in school problems.

Also interviewed were T-Sgt. Howard H. Hunter, representing personnel of Problem 135, "Village Fighting," and Pfc. Jim Homer, star center of the Detachment No. 2 "Snipers."

Private Ryan talked of various explosives used by the Army, particularly by the Infantry in demolition work. He is regarded in his circle as an expert in the use of

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demolitions. "Most people think explosives are extremely dangerous to handle," he said. "They are dangerous only if handled carelessly."

Private Ryan ended his interview by repeating words with which Capt. John B. Webb, TIS instructor in demolitions, warns his students: "If you are careless, brother, you'll never grow old."

TPS WACs Have Own Music Hour

The WAC Detachment of The Parachute School is launching a weekly music hour devoted to recordings of classical music. This will take place in the "Quiet" Room of the WAC Detachment in The Parachute School area near the Parade Grounds.

The inaugural concert is scheduled for tonight at 7:30 p. m. Thereafter these concerts will be held every Thursday evening at the same hour. The concerts are open to all men and women of The Parachute School who are interested in good music.

For its initial concert an "All-Request Program" has been arranged including Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet," "Fantasia," the Tchaikovsky "Piano Concerto, No. 1," and a group of waltzes by Johann Strauss.

Officers' Laundry Hours Are Changed

Business hours for the Officer's Section of Quartermaster Laundry No. 2 have been changed from a 9 o'clock closing to a 6 p. m. closing hour; it has been announced.

The new business hours will go into effect on April 1 and the Officer's Section will open at 7:30 a. m. daily and close at 6 p. m.

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POSTAGRAM

The post's annual Red Cross Drive got off to a flying start and after one week's activity, the total already turned in had exceeded \$5,000. A lot more had been contributed, of course, but had not actually been turned in to fund headquarters. . . . The lads of Col. Julian B. Lindsey's 3rd Parachute Training Regiment, paced the pack by contributing 100 per cent in the very first few days. . . . Returns were also coming in heavily from many units, especially those boasting plenty of returned combat vets who could relate first-hand what the Red Cross really does for you lads overseas. . . . The Reception Center's Student Training Unit, which teaches illiterate soldiers to read and write, celebrated the successful graduation of its 25,000th GI this week, a notable achievement which is also bound to influence the post-war world. . . . Plans for the Easter Sunrise Service advanced this week with the announcement that a 100-voice colored chorus would sing, and a huge 60-piece band, mostly from TFS, would play for the service. . . . Also this week, we got some really good news about the great effort made by the Benning-trained 7th Armored during the famed "Bulge Battle" and the counter-attacks which enabled the "Lucky Seventh" to re-take St. Vith in Belgium. . . . Soldiers here started having their underwear pressed at the GI laundry after the arrival of eight new pressing irons. . . . The station complement at the post on Monday. Probably a good many of you remember that bleak morning of March 8, 1943 when they first arrived here. Remember what a curiosity they were? Well, only 30 of the original group still remain and some 78 of them are now overseas with you. . . . The cigarette shortage on the home front continues, and the lads at the post can now buy only two packs at a time, although usually they can always get that many—so no one is suffering. . . . A new permanent guard section has been set up in the MP Detachment, which means the lads in other units will no longer have to sweat out "pulling guard" at regular intervals. . . . Several "young men" retired from various units during the week, and most of them renounced any ideas of quitting work, at least as long as the war lasts. To a man they stated intentions of staying right on at the post and continuing in a civilian capacity as soon as they have done. . . . A TIS grad, Lieut. Robert Packer, was the commander of the first American company to reach the

Rhine, opposite Dusseldorf, and here's hoping it is not long before those of you on the Western Front follow in his footsteps.

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

With the first signs of spring, baseball began to crowd into the sports picture, but basketball is still going hot and heavy at the post. Biggest local achievement of the week went to the Parachute School Troopers who won the Georgia State Championship by gaining a 15-point decision over Lawson General Hospital in the tournament finals at Atlanta on Sunday. As usual, Coulby Gunther, the ex-St. John's star, paced TPS, but Wheeler Leath, Alvin Tate, Brownie Blazak, Jack Bickel and the rest of the gang helped out plenty. . . . The Troopers have dropped only six titles in forty starts this year, which is quite a record. . . . Right now, TPS is involved in the Post League. They won the first-half of the week, and dropped one game at the start of the last half to the School Troops Snipers, who now lead the circuit with an unblemished record of six straight. . . . These new arch-rivals clash again Friday night in a game that should be a humdinger. . . . The Snipers, you know, are the old 4th Infantry gang of Homer Lodge, Ghilotti, Klein and Ghilotti and they are being coached by Lieut. George Hecht, the former Alabama grid star. . . . The feature girls game of the season will come up this Sunday when the Women Marines from Cherry Point, N. C., fly in for a tilt with the WAcademics, who last week-end, won their series from the Columbus All-Stars by taking the third and deciding tilt. . . . Talking about baseball, incidentally, both the Academic Pros and the School Troops got an early start by turning out their squads this week for initial workouts. The Pros will be almost all-new this season with only hard-hitting Ed Benincia left from the runner-up club of a year ago. However, they will be bolstered on the mound by the recent addition of Dewey Wilkins, that great southpaw who chucked for the Cockades last summer. . . . The School Troops boasts several former 4th Infantry players, such as George Bender, Fred Fehr, Johnny Brenner, Lee Lodge, and Andy Kostek, Johnny Ghilotti and others—and they also have some promising new material. . . . Post athletic officials are meeting Thursday to settle on the diamond set-up for the year, and we'll have more about it for you in next week's breeze.

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Leadership Depends On Training

Warfare has always had as one of its basic maxims the statement "No Army is better than its leaders." We would like to make this addition: "No leader is better than the training he receives."

That these two statements are true is the working basis of The Infantry School, whose task it is to train the infantry officers of our Army. The statement also gives us the reason for the organizing of the new School Troops as permanent demonstration and instruction unit for TIS.

In a recent talk over radio station WRBL, Brig. Gen. William G. Walker, Commanding General of School Troops, in describing the part that his organization plays in the training of our Infantry soldiers, emphasized the essential nature of the work his men are doing.

Gen. Walker mentioned that many of the men of the School Troops are repeating in their daily demonstrations much of the tactics and techniques which they learned in combat. He said further:

There are representatives in the School Troop Detachments from all Theaters of Opera-

tions, who have returned to Fort Benning under War Department rotation policy, or through some combat injury.

"The School Troops are made up, not only of Infantrymen, but also of troops from other branches of service whose work in combat is coordinated with the Infantry. The net result of the fusion of these troops is a team, closely coordinated, capable of fulfilling the many difficult assignments included in the training of infantry officers."

School Troops have been organized to provide a permanent training and demonstration organization for The Infantry School problems. The work performed is not glamorous, as compared with the excitement of battle, and results in very little individual publicity or praise.

"Nevertheless, every soldier in this organization should feel a glow of pride in the realization that every day, on every battlefield, training which he helped to give is bearing fruit; training which is reflected in the outstanding actions of infantry officers from Second Lieutenant leading their platoons to Lieutenant Generals commanding Armies."

Overoptimism Can Be Dangerous!

The news we are receiving today from the several fighting fronts is good indeed. From every side the enemies of democracy are slowly being picked apart. We are on the road to victory.

The news is heartening, and it makes us feel fine to know that at last the force of Allied might is turning the tide. We are all the more encouraged when we listen to optimistic commentators and read the hopeful predictions of popular commentators.

Wishful thinking, however, is an extremely dangerous thing. Whether we admit it or not, the very feeling of victory creates in us and causes us to take a "breather," a pause in which we stand back to admire our work.

To stop for a single minute slows up the orderly progress of everything vital to the winning of a war. All the elements which have entered into our tremendous advance from unpreparedness to our present strength were set in motion with just one thing in mind—victory. We must not stop or let up for one moment lest the gigantic machinery be caused to skip a beat—just because someone thought he saw the end in sight.

This constant push and drive can become

very annoying, but war is a very annoying business. The life of almost every individual in the United States has been and is being affected by the war, yet, even so, it hurts our dignity to be goaded and prodded to ever greater efforts. It often seems as though the cup for which a thirsting man is reaching is constantly being kicked in his face. Nevertheless, the tempo cannot be allowed to slacken. We must force and prod ourselves to work as hard as we can until the very end of the war.

Just now we are borrowing a few moments of satisfaction from the news of the day. We are taking immense pride in what our men are doing on every battle front the world around, but we cannot afford to rest on their laurels, for war is a continuing business.

Optimism is one of the greatest assets a man can have. Overoptimism in time of war can mean an added hour, an added day, an added week at the front—in the lines where our fellow Americans are making the news.

The surest way to make friends is to be one.

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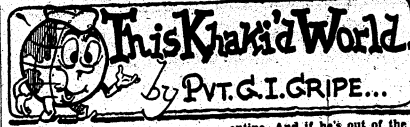
you and the two guys next you.



By EILEEN
Today has been one of THOSE days!
When I rolled—warily, as usual—into bed last night, I felt that I had the world by the tail. When I rolled out—protestingly—this morning, the world had me. My nose was stuffy, my throat ached, and my head throbbed.
And, I thought, this is the day before the Bayonet goes to press. Copy will be rolling in all day, and I'll be typing and typing and typing and typing—and well, I'll be working like mad all day to keep up with things.
In the middle of these thoughts, I discovered that the bacon had begun to singe and I had forgot to prepare the grapefruit for breakfast before I turned in last night.
As I said, it's been one of THOSE days!
Of course, it was a bad start for any day, but as a start for today it was worse! Because, just as I had settled down to my typewriter and got to work at the copy that rolled in from the time we



blinded, I was always getting counterfeited money."
Sons: Say, Paw, the teacher wants me to find the greatest common divisor.
Paw: Good gosh, is that thing still lost? The teacher had me hunting for that thing when I went to school.
Our walls are graced by sundry-pix.
Of shapely jills and lassies. Who show de luxe accessories 'Upon the female chassis."
Three GIs, slightly punchy from a blitz, were riding toward London in a noisy automobile. Approaching the city one asked: "Is this Wembley?"
"Nope," said the second, "Thursday."
"So am I," said the third, "let's stop and have one."
He: Why did the farmer spend so much time looking for the needle in the haystack?
She: Because that's where his daughter did most of her fancy work.
"Did you see in the paper where a fellow beat his wife to death with a golf club?"
"Not really? How many strokes did it take?"
A bugle is an ill-wind that nobody blows good.
She: What shall I do? I have water on the knee.
He: Wear pumps.
1st Cannibal: We've just captured a drunken carter.
2nd Cannibal: Oh boy, Ham on Rye.
I think that I shall never see a girl refuse a meal that's free A girl with hungry eyes not fixed Upon a drink that's being mixed A girl who doesn't like to wear



Corp. George Schultz was on fire duty last week. Came time to turn in his pretty red arm band and he couldn't find it anywhere. He looked high, He looked low. He looked every body in his office of having stolen it. He finally located it—in his wallet!

Soldier over at Service Club 2 was a bit disappointed the other night after show advertised as "Pat the WAC" had been staged. "It was a fine show," he admitted. "But nobody patted any WAC." It had to be explained patiently that Pat was the WAC's name!

This item is a bit late but it is still good. Lt. Rosalind Roulston celebrated St. Valentine's Day with a tremendous package—which had been mailed to her for last Christmas!

General Hobson, on inspection trip last Saturday, stopped at desk of civilian employee, looked at picture of the lady's baby on her desk and inquired very innocently, "And does this office produce this sort of thing too?" Whereupon the lady demurely replied "Well, not very often."

Our idea of a pessimist is the guy who, upon being paid, mournfully remarks, "Hell, 41 days till payday now."

Corporals Maye and Rothchild of POW camp were shipped a "hot number" the other day by another guy out there, who told them the number was that of some gorgeous gals. It turned out to be the police station.

While Sergeant Katz, of the same camp, dreamed the other day he was bowling and awoke to find he was rolling his helmet up and down the floor.

Gosh, Tap Goodenough, who puts out "Repos" is going on a furlough. This column is found he's hurrying. How're we ever going to dig up enough stuff to fill this space without those little items from POW camp. Come on, you guys, send along some dope. Just drop a line to this column, care Public Relations Office, with the little funny things that happen in your outfit. Who knows, your organization may get to be famous, too!

Post card from Corp. Louis Rubin, 2d Army, now furloughing in Richmond, Va., says he is convinced that while there doubtless are lots of rich men in Richmond, he isn't so sure about the rest of it.

Pfc. Bill Campbell says he sent his ever-loving Missus a check for 25 slugs for a Valentine.

For often on a Sunday morn I sit in church unflattered, And look at GIRLS! While other boys— Hear every word that's uttered. S-Sgt. Robert G. Lyall, Hq Co, 1st STR-TIS.

The man who gets the most out of life is the man who puts most into it.

ETERNAL HOPE
Our preacher still sees hope in me. Tho' others along have given up, he hopes our preacher has Must be the way I'm livin'!

I know my sins are known by all, And are never confidential, So mothers keep your child away— I might be influential!

WE ARE THE INFANTRY!
We are the Infantry! We are the timeless, tireless warriors of our Nation's history. Who have defended our families, our homes, Our honor and our sacred ideals, Since the beginning.

We are the Infantry!
We arise in the hour of crisis from among all of the citizens Our songs are the songs of men, Our stories are the stories of a people For their history is ours and ours theirs, We inspire their living legends.

We are the Infantry!
We are the invincible! The warm, rich blood of a mighty Nation, Great in farms and cities, Courses through our veins and makes us strong. We spring from heroic men, And magnificent women, Who poured into us the stuff of fighters.

We are the Infantry!
Our blood bathed Valley Forge, Where we froze and carried on; Our blood ran red the Brandywine, Where we were outnumbered but that was not enough; We were the ones, hurled at each other At Gettysburg and Spotsylvania. We showed them how at Chateau Thierry and on the Marne, We leveled the hills of Tunisia, Even as we are clearing the jungle of New Guinea.

We are the Infantry!
We ask no favors, give no quarter; We bespeak no praise, for our record speaks for itself. We have a job to do And cannot stop to take bows. We beg no luxuries nor do we desire them, We get there on our own and come back on our own. Our pride is that we can take it.

We are the Infantry!
We are the classic fighters of history. We are the proud, peerless, swashbuckling, All-around capable guys, Whom all the other arms and services must depend on And must serve, for we are the ones who must win the wars And secure the peace.

We are the Infantry!
We shall not fail, We never fail— We are the Infantry!

MAJOR LEROY V. GREENE
Hq. 9th Bn, 187C
Ft. McClellan, Ala.

Ex-503rd Troopers Cheer Unit's Corregidor Jump

One of the group of former Troopers from the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment now in The Parachute School and the first enlisted man in his regiment to jump into combat is Sergeant Joseph H. Winkler, now in Headquarters Company, The Parachute School.

Sergeant Winkler along with Staff Sergeants Jackson, Stokes, Moore and Osterhaudt and other former 503rd Troopers now in The Parachute School thrilled to the news of their old regiment's most recent action. The dramatic descent from the sky on to Corregidor.

DROP ON COAST

On February 16 at 0830 hours the men of the 503rd dropped on the rugged crest of the island from a fleet of transport planes which flew through plumes of smoke that were still rising from the hour of tremendous aerial bombardment that preceded the landing.

Within two hours and 40 minutes after the first Trooper hit the rock, the Airborne Infantry had gained control of Topsy, the island's rocky plateau, where old American barracks and gun emplacements still stood.

SORRY HE'S BACK

Sam Sergeant Winkler thinks of his old friends still in the 503rd jumping into the fight on Corregidor last month, he wishes he had missed the boat back to the States. He would have preferred to stay with his regiment and play a role in the third act climax of the historic drama "MacArthur's Return to the Philippines."

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307th Mess Sarge Gets Bride-But No Honeymoon, Yet

Wedding bells rang out for Sgt. and Mrs. Louis Wurth over the week-end, but it'll take the completion of training and several inspections before the couple can leave on a brief honeymoon trip.

Sergeant Wurth is mess sergeant of the 307th General Hospital Unit which currently is undergoing the finishing stages of its hospital training before overseas shipment.

WED AT CHAPEL

The sergeant took Miss Mary Reuther of his native Sioux Falls, Iowa, as his bride in the post chapel Sunday evening with Lt. Robert Crowell, Catholic chaplain assigned to the 307th officiating at the nuptials.

Attendants were Col. Erwin Fisher, dental officer, and Lt. Mary Boudousque, a nurse of the 307th.

Now the Wurths are "sweating out" a three-day pass or so as soon as the inspections are held.

Adjutant's Father Dies Suddenly

Post Headquarters personnel was saddened Monday when word of the death of Lt. Col. J. D. Rosenberger, Jr.'s father was received.

The post adjutant was summoned to his father's bedside a week ago when the elder Mr. Rosenberger underwent a serious operation in Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral services were held in Birmingham Tuesday afternoon and Colonel Rosenberger returned to Fort Benning today.

The Medical Branch of the U. S. Army was founded April 7, 1777.



NEW WAC PRIVATES Connie Oseth (center) and Betsy Ross (right) daughters of prominent Infantry School colonels, are shown above learning the details of handling a bandage carriage from Nurse Lt. Mary Stephens at the ASF Regional Hospital. [This is the type of work they will be doing as hospital technicians after their basic training at Fort Oglethorpe. (Signal Lab Photo by Pic. Phil Charleson.)]

Daughters of TIS Colonels Enlist In WACs as Hospital Technicians

When Privates Constance Oseth and Betsy Ross spoke on the Fort Benning Public Relations Office radio program, "Women At War," Tuesday, they described the work they'll soon be doing as hospital technicians in the Women's Army Corps.

Today they are leaving Fort Benning, where they've been prominent in activities as members of Fort Benning's Army Daughters, to join their hospital platoon and journey to Fort Oglethorpe for a few weeks of basic training.

After completing training at one of the Medical Department Technicians' Schools, they'll report for duty at Stark General Hospital in Charleston, S. C.

On Tuesday's program, Lt. Mary Stephens, Army Nurse Corps, stationed at Fort Benning's ASF Regional Hospital, told the new recruits what they might expect to be doing at Stark General Hospital. Lieutenant Stephens was stationed there for six months.

Also on the send-off program to describe work done at Stark was Sgt. Herman Buckman of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School. Sergeant Buckman was a patient at Stark for 14 days after his return from overseas on the hospital ship Arcadia.

LOTS TO DO

In speaking of the work done by WAC medical technicians, Sergeant Buckman said, "There are lots of things they can do to help that a nurse is too busy to do. You take some fellow who has his arm in a cast or is in a body cast or maybe has lost a leg and can't move around yet—he can't even pour himself a glass of water or light a cigarette or fix a book so he can read, let alone feed himself."

Those are some of the things a WAC medical technician can do besides the regular duties of giving out medicines and taking temperatures. And I know a soldier who has things like that done for him gets well a heck of a lot faster than one who has nothing to do but lie there and feel sorry for himself.

WON SILVER STAR

Private Oseth is the daughter of Colonel and Mrs. I. M. Oseth. Her father, who recently received the Silver Star for gallantry in action in the Philippines where he was an observer with the 43rd Division, is president of The Infantry Board.

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Veteran Soldier Is Honored With Letter of Merit

Technical Sergeant Frank Fox of Headquarters Company Second Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, has been presented with a Letter of Merit by Lt. Col. Hartwell T. Bynum, Regimental Commander, for "long and continuous service in the United States Army."

The letter read, in part: "The United States Army is proud to acknowledge your service to your country and to state that you have well earned your retirement status as many before you have. . . you have maintained a high standard of performance as a soldier and consistently received excellent character ratings."

Sergeant Fox enlisted in the Army in 1913 at the age of 23. Prior to enlistment he worked as a railroad man and lived in Columbus, Ohio.

His first assignment was with the 25th Infantry and with this unit he saw service in the Hawaiian and the Philippine Islands. During that tour of duty in 1915, Sergeant Fox had the opportunity to visit Japan.

When the United States declared war on Germany, the sergeant was serving on the Mexican border under General John Pershing. And it was with General Pershing and the 369th Infantry Regiment that he saw action in France, first as a squad leader of a rifle platoon and then later in the Army of Occupation.

MEXICAN BORDER

On returning to this country in 1919, Fox again served on the Mexican border and then in 1926, he was put on detached duty as orderly for Maj. General Hines at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. From there, the next station for this traveling Regular Army man was a 10-year tour of duty from 1930 to 1940 at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Okla.

In 1941, Fox as one of the original non-commissioned officers who helped organize the 46th Brigade at Camp Livingston, Louisiana.

When his retirement day came around in January, 1944, Fox was recalled to active duty and sent to The Infantry School, where he has served since.

OFF-DECORATED

Among his decorations, Fox wears the Mexican Border campaign ribbon, the World War I campaign ribbon, the Army of Occupation ribbon, Pearl Harbor ribbon and the Good Conduct ribbon. He also holds the Expert Rifleman Badge.

His plans for the future? Yes, you guessed it. This 61-year-old Army sergeant with over 32 years' service is going to settle down in his old home town of Columbus, Ohio, with his wife and relax a while. After that? Well, there's that chicken farm that he's looked forward to all his life.

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Like Government property, "Salvage" is strictly "G. I." He not only eats at the Headquarters Company Mess Hall and performs sundry duties around R. S. O. but in his "off-duty" hours he goes with the soldiers up to the PX for a beer, ice cream, candy or what have you. As far as beverages are concerned he isn't too particular, just so long as you give him an empty ice cream carton for a drinking cup and don't put any water in it.

Since there seems to be a cigarette shortage "Salvage" prefers to leave the pleasure of smoking off to his retinue, but he isn't above "taking a drag on the weed." In fact he frequently grabs up a mouthful of fresh grass and gnaws lustily.

Naturally this practice is resulting in a lot of fresh holes on the lawn around Headquarters Company's epic and span little orderly room. Whether or not this is going to ruin "Salvage's" chances of getting a good conduct medal is hard to tell, but meanwhile, he is "sweating out" the pay line with the rest of the men and waiting for that "Eagle" to scream.

GRAY LADIES

The Gray Ladies of the American Red Cross work in hospitals within the United States, providing recreation and administering personnel service to men of the armed forces who are ill or convalescent. During the last 12 months, their number rose to 36,000 members.

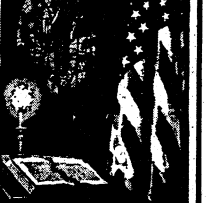
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Retires As GI, But Continues In War Work

Retiring from the Army does not mean quitting war work for 32-year old Master Sergeant Henry Bramlett, of 8327 Earline avenue, Columbus, Ga., combat veteran of the first World War who has been retired from the Army since 1919.

TO WORK HERE

"I'll continue working at Fort Benning as a civilian or apply for a war job in town," says Sergeant Bramlett. "I'm in perfect health—thanks to the fact I can't see any excuse for really retiring until the war's over."

Appointed a non-commissioned officer in his first enlistment, Sergeant Bramlett saw service on the Mexican border before he went overseas with the Coast Artillery in the first World War. After earning four battle stars on his campaign ribbon for his part at Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and the second battle of the Marne, he "came home only to re-enlist."

WEAPONS VET

In 1927, back from three years in Panama, he signed up with the old Infantry School detachment, now known as the Academic Regiment, and has served with the weapons section ever since. He has been enlisted chief of problems staged in the Holliday Hill Area.

Paratroopers Capture State Court Crown In Atlanta

Lawson General Bows To TPS in Final Tilt

By PFC. PAT BROWNE

The Parachute School quintet brought the Georgia State Basketball Championship home to Fort Benning this week. Coming from behind in a hair-raising second half, the Troopers defeated Lawson General Hospital, 57 to 42, in the finals of the fifth Annual Georgia Open Basketball Tournament at Atlanta's Sports Arena Sunday afternoon.

Lawson Field Bows to ITD Quintet, 48-40

The School Troops Demons, representing Infantry Training Detachment No. 1 in Harmony Church, sprang an upset in the Post League Tuesday night by defeating the Lawson Field Flyers, 48-40, at the Lawson Gymnasium. The Troopers moved right back into the title picture after a week's absence. In other games at the post gym, the current co-favorites, the ITD No. 2 Snipers and the Parachute School Troopers, kept up their winning stride by marking up impressive triumphs.

The Troopers plastered the Academic Profs, 67-43, in the twin bill's opener, while the Snipers kept up their prolific scoring with a 58-35 win over the 2nd Army Deuces.

The Snipers are now in front in the top standings by a one-game margin, with the Troopers and Demons deadlocked for second-place, each having suffered only one defeat—and that at the hands of the pace-setting Snipers.

KAROSKI HIGH MAN

In the Demons' win over Lawson, Stan Karoski and Dwayne Hudges were the big guns. Karoski, a former 3rd Infantry star, split the cords nine times from the floor and once from the charity struts for 19 points, while Hudges was close behind with 16 markers.

For the Flyers, Ace Hall's 13 was high, with Conway chipping in 12 and Kenton Wright, Leath and Leon Hess in the TPS wing. The Demons had compiled a 26-23 advantage and they managed to maintain their margin in the final periods. While Couby Gunther, their usual scoring ace, rested most of the game, his mantle was taken over by Al Tate, who scored 15 and Hess 10 points for the victors while ten Troopers in all broke into the 10th column.

Nick Vulcan's 15 markers paced the Profs, while Ben Driver notched 13 for runner-up honors. At intermission, the Troopers were in front by a 36-23 margin.

The Snipers, who tallied 70 points on Monday night, kept up their prolific point-getting by defeating the Deuces in the nightcap. Jim Homer, as usual, paced the winners with 19 tallies while Lee Lodge followed with eleven. Billy Thomas, with nine, and Johnny Pennis with ten, were the only threats for the Deuces who have finally faded from the title picture after a fast start. The loop, will be idle tonight, but will swing back into action.

Bill King, Rifle Catcher, Commissioned in 3d STR

Unexpectedly walking in the door with furlough papers in hand came a big surprise to unsuspecting parents, but Mr. and Mrs. J. E. King of Oxford, N. C., were in for a double surprise as their son, William E. King, received his commission from 3d Company, Third Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School and caught the first train out for home.

Not only were Lieutenant King's parents unaware of their son's coming visit, but as far as they knew he was still a staff sergeant assigned to Headquarters Company and sergeant major of the Third Battalion of the regiment. By receiving his mail at the Headquarters Company, Lieutenant King managed to keep the fact that he was ever attending Officer Candidate School a secret from his parents.

BIG SURPRISE. "I just wanted to surprise them," the former star catcher on the Third STR Rifles baseball

team stated. "I didn't tell them about it." Lieutenant King, a former cadetman, was assigned to the Third STR in July, 1943. As number one catcher for the Rifles last season, he was voted a member of the second team of the Infantry School all-star baseball club. He held a 12-game batting average of .310 and was chief contributor to many Rifle victories.

TRENTON CLUB. Before entering the Army, Lt. King was graduated from the Oak Ridge Military Institute, at Oak Ridge, N. C., and later joined the Trenton, N. J. club of the Interstate League. He was voted a member of the property of this club when Uncle Sam releases him from the army.

At graduation exercises the new lieutenant was congratulated by friends in the regiment and had his bars pinned on by Staff Sgt. John King, a member of Headquarters Company. The Kings are not related.

"The Snipers are raw—individually and as a team," was the judgment.

RECORD SPEAKS. However, various recent records tend to repudiate any argument that the Snipers were flustered in the pen-pans. For one, that same Paratroop five, which had been suspected by some to be overrated, merely because they had been beaten by the Snipers, jumped on Lawson General Hospital at Atlanta March 4 to top the Georgia open basketball championship, and that fact alone boosts the Snipers as the team that beat the team that won the Georgia championship. But the Snipers are not depending on intangibles. Take a look at their record since they beat the Paratroopers by a score of 55-49, fans regarded the victory doubly.

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GEORGIA STATE COURT CHAMPS—These eleven Parachute School huskies comprise the crack Trooper court squad that brought the Georgia State crown to Fort Benning over the week-end when they laced Lawson General Hospital in the finals of Open Tourney in Atlanta. They are left to right, Charlie Warren, Jim Mulvena, Jack

Bickel, Jack Waltemath, Alvin Tate, John Cunningham, Pete Snyder, Brownie Blazsak, Wheeler Leath, Leon Hess, and Couby Gunther. (Parachute School Photo by Sgt. Harley Ferguson.)

17 Candidates Report For Academic Baseball

By SGT. JOHN T. CRONIN

Spring is in the air! At least it is at the Academic Regiment, where 17 candidates for the Profs 1945 baseball team are working out daily under the direction of Coach Carl Reischling, who comes to the Regiment after piloting the 1st STR Blue Sox to the championship of the Service League last season.

Only one veteran, Ed Bencia, an outfielder, was on hand for the initial workout. Standouts of last year's team who are now playing in bigger leagues and whose jobs the new pitcher must fill include Herb Bremer, catcher; Rudy Rundus and Ed Lefty Wissman, pitchers; Benny Zientara, Johnny Russo and Tony Pierello, infielders; and Garland Lawing and Ross Fenno, outfielders.

WILKINS ON HAND

One bright spot on this year's team is Dewey Wilkins, a talented left-hander who hurled last year for the 3d Infantry Cockades. Wilkins was probably as good a pitcher as there was in the Infantry School league last season. He pitched great ball for the Cockades—most of it in vain. With Wilkins on the firing line, the Profs can be counted upon to get a lot of competition.

GET OUT KINKS

Coach Reischling has devoted his first few sessions to getting the kinks out of the players and engaging in a bit of hitting and fielding practice. He has hopes of having a few more players report within the next few days. Working out at present are: Outfielders—Ed Bencia, Mickey O'Brien, Cruise, Ed Johnson, and Johnny Parice. Infielders—Chester Brill, Henry Grenier and William D. Evans. Pitcher—Dewey (Lefty) Wilkins, and catcher—Ed Wargo.

Demons, TPS Vie Tonight at Gym

The ITD No. 1 Demons from Harmony Church and the high-flying Parachute School Troopers will collide tonight at the post gym in a hot battle to determine occupancy of second-place in the Post League standings.

The tilt will be a 9:00 p. m. nightcap, preceded by a loop clash at 7:30 between the Academic Profs and the Medical Detachment.

Right now, the Demons and Troopers are deadlocked at four victories and one defeat apiece, each team having lost to the league-leading ITD No. 2 Snipers.

League-Leading Snipers Surprise Many Fans, Face TPS In Crucial Test At Gym On Friday

As the scorers, checked their books after the whistle which ended in the fifth straight basketball victory in as many starts for the ITD No. 2 Snipers, this time over the Medical Detachment, a Sniper fan sidled up to George Hecht, Sniper coach, and nudged his arm in surprise.

"Boy, you got sum'p'n there," he said, and winked like a race track tout putting out a hot tip.

Maybe the sidler was right. Those Snipers are zeroed in on the Post championship test. But only a short time ago when they won their opener against the favored Paratroopers by a score of 55-49, fans regarded the victory doubly.

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School Troops Baseball Drill Holds Initial

By SGT. JOHN T. CRONIN

Grunts and groans were not rationed last Monday afternoon when the School Troops held their first baseball practice in preparation for the coming season. Among the 50-odd candidates who donned uniforms for the initial practice were many former professional, semi-professional, college and high school stars.

Under the direction of Capt. Melvin Craghead, who was assisted by George Bender, and Paul Archipoli, the candidates were carefully scrutinized and catalogued for future reference, as they went through the "loosening up" workout.

NEW FIELD

The players will practice on the new School Troops field, which is located at the corner of Gillespie and Wood Avenues. Work on the field, which is shaping up as one of the best practice diamonds on the post, has been supervised by Archipoli and Pvt. Aldo Cenci.

Captain Craghead has had considerable experience both as a coach and as a player, having been a member of several championship teams. In 1930-31 and 31-32 he was a player-coach for the USS Mexico which won the Navy Championship at San Luis Obispo in Washington.

IN HAWAII

Later, he was a member of the championship team which won the Hawaii Island series in the Hawaiian Islands. As a civilian, Capt. Craghead played semi-pro ball with Fresno in the fast California Valley league.

Among the men present at the workout were: Freddy Fehr, who last year batted .346 in the TIS League; George Bender, no stranger to baseball fans at Fort Benning, after pitching here last year with outstanding success; Willie Osborn, a good infield prospect; Fred Goppy, now coach and for

ward for the Detachment 1 basketball team; Dick Weber, and league-leading ITD No. 2 Snipers.

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enough stored up energy to supply a whole basketball team, holds down the other guard spot consistently. Fans are becoming accustomed to seeing Klein in several places at the same time. He's big, fast, and ranks with the best floor players in the league.

Although the above mentioned five usually starts the games, there are capable reserves who have seen a good deal of action, namely: John Lemond, Marvin Orr, Clarence Lehr, Dick Weber, Stan Thompson, who made his debut Monday night and looked promising; John "Smoke" Brenner and Tim Myers.

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Cherry Point Marines Play Here on Sunday

By SGT. WALTER MILLER

Now the uncrowned champions of the city-post loop after defeating the Columbus All-Stars twice in a three-game series, the WACademic hoopers of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School, will take on the women Marines from Cherry Point (N. C.) at the Post Gym Sunday at 2 p. m.

This is the first inter-service women's game ever held at Fort Benning. A return game will be played at the Leathernecks' home base Sunday, March 18.

The Marines will have a hard job "getting the situation well in hand." The WACAcademics are in tip-top shape after their series with the All-Stars, who split the first two tilts with the service women and bowed only in the final minute of the third game, 48-43, at Comer Auditorium last Friday night. The All-Stars represented Columbus' supreme effort to squash the WACs who had so leisurely turned back live different city combinations.

WACs IN COMMAND. Friday's deciding game started off with the WACs definitely in command as guards Olga Huse, Ruby Preston and Mary Brooks kept the All-Stars far away from the basket. Only six-foot All-Star Buchanan could find the rim with three unguardable overhead shots, while the WACs penetrated a weaker Marche, who was fouled out of the game.

But in the second quarter All-Star Hilda Gibson broke away from Huse to lead a scoring attack, personally accounting to nine points to help narrow the margin at 22-18 by half time. Again in the third period she sank eight points as WACs Virginia Elizabeth Siddauskas, Virginia Curry and Marge Fischlin battled valiantly to hold a 34-32 lead at the end of the quarter.

SCORE TIED. In the final stanza the score was knotted four times. With the WACs ahead 40-39 a few minutes before the whistle both teams turned on the heat in a desperate all-out effort. First the WACs tallied six points, then Gibson rallied with four, but Fischlin sank a field-goal to end the game and the series, 48-43.

Series high scoring honors went to Hilda Gibson, who sank 26 points in the last game for a total of 66. WAC player-coach Marge Fischlin led her team with 62 for the series.

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TIS School Troops, Post's Newest Unit, Is Permanent Demonstration Group

The newest unit at Fort Benning is the recently activated School Troops of the Infantry School. The School Troops have been organized to provide a permanent, trained demonstration unit for the many problems of the Officer Candidates and Officer classes making up The Infantry School.

Under the command of Brig. Gen. William G. Walker, the School Troops are made up not only of Infantrymen, but also of troops from other branches of service whose work in combat is coordinated with the Infantry.

Many of the men of the School Troops are repeating in their demonstrations much of the tactics and methods which they utilized in combat on the battle fronts. There are representatives in the unit from all theaters of operations, many of whom have returned to The Infantry School under the War Department rotation policy, or through combat injuries.

The First Detachment of the School Troops is located in the Harmony Church area in the sector formerly occupied by the Fourth Infantry. The detachment is made up of four Infantry training companies, three Field Artillery training batteries and a Tank and Engineer company.

The Second Detachment is stationed on the Main Post and consists of eight Infantry companies, which includes heavy weapons, communications, and anti-tank sections.

The unit which is handling The Infantry School's transportation is also part of the School Troops. This is the Motor Pool Detachment which is divided into two sections, one of which is located in Harmony Church and the other on the Main Post.

TWO AGF BANDS
A Medical Detachment and a Range Detachment are also included in the organization. Two Army Ground Force bands, to play for the reviews and functions at Fort Benning, are attached to the School Troops.

Each of the detachments has its own headquarters, and as the administrative center of the unit there is the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment which is stationed on the Main Post in the courtyard formerly occupied by the Third Infantry Regiment.

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Remembered at Fort Benning for his appearances in soldier shows while at officer candidate school two years ago, Captain Everhart has since served at Camp Wolters, Tex., where at one time he lectured to 20,000 men a week and produced numerous special service shows. He frequently presented his orientation hours as dramatic skits or "radio" programs with enlisted actors taking most of the parts.

MAN OF MANY FACES
His impersonations of "Popeye" and other characters, which once earned him billing by Ripley as "The Man of Many Faces," are well-known to patients in Army general hospitals in Virginia, and to soldiers in basic training centers whom he has often entertained.



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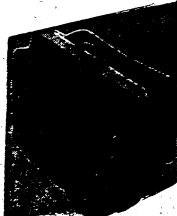
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TPS WACs Have Had Eventful First Year

The WAC Detachment of The Parachute School is celebrating its first birthday with a Monte Carlo party and dance next Tuesday evening. All the proceeds from this affair will be turned over to the new Red Cross.

Activated on March 6, 1944, the Detachment has grown from its original strength of 12 to 235. The first members of the detachment, after the officers and cadre, were the parachute riggers.

MEMORABLE YEAR
The year has not been without memorable incidents for the Detachment. It can look back with amusement to the time when, at its first parade a 20-man "front" was ordered, and the strength of the Detachment at the time was only 42. It can look back with pleasure to its first graduation of riggers, when wings were presented to the ranking non-coms for the graduates. And it can look back with pride to last January, when Brigadier General Ridgely Gather, Commandant of the school, gave it a special commendation both for the condition of its quarters and for the discipline of the Detachment during the year.

FORCED MOVE
The year was not without its disappointments. Two weeks after the Wacs painted their Day Room and mess hall and decorated them—all in their off-duty hours—they received orders to move from the Lawson Field area to their present quarters near the parade grounds. However, this experience has not discouraged the WACs from planning a new mess hall and Day Room for the new locale, and expect to realize this is the near future.

The WAC Detachment is commanded by First Lieutenant Lillian Finch. Lieutenant Ruth Grady is the Executive Officer. Lieutenant Joyce Hammond, Supply Officer, and Sergeant Lola L. Nichols, First Sergeant.

Baker Village Gets New Flag

From the top of the flagpole in front of the Baker Village Administration Building, a new "Old Glory" waves proudly in the breeze.

At an inspiring and impressive ceremony last Saturday morning, troops of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cubs and Brownies stood at attention as the flag was raised by a color guard of two Boy and two Girl Scouts, and then pledged their allegiance to it in the time-honored fashion of America's youth.

GENERAL SPEAKS

The gift of the Columbus Housing Authority, the flag was presented to the Scouts by Brigadier General William H. Hobson, Commanding General of Fort Benning, who spoke in praise of the housing development. "We should all rejoice in this splendid housing development, which stands as a tribute to the foresight and organization of a group of Columbus citizens and leaders at Fort Benning. Soldiers now serving in all parts of the world are grateful that they could have their families near them while training at Fort Benning. Many of the families represent here are away from home ties and in strange surroundings. The fact that they are carrying on here in Baker Village makes as they would in their home towns and states is illustrated by the fact that these fine units of the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have been organized."

Emphasizing the Scout philosophy of service, General Hobson commended the work of the Scouts in collecting vital scrap materials during the salvage drives.

BAND PLAYS
The program, which included the playing of the national anthem by the Baker Village High School Band under the direction of Mr. C. N. Wells, was arranged by Scout Leader Captain J. A. White, who is assistant to the executive officer at Fort Benning. Present at the ceremony were Mr. Theo McGee, chairman of the board of the Columbus Housing Authority; Mr. E. J. Kuhn, vice-chairman of the board, and Mr. B. Frank Billings, commander of the Charles Harrison Post of the American Legion.

BLOOD DONOR SERVICE

The American Red Cross Blood Donor Service was inaugurated in February 1941, at the joint request of the surgeon generals of the Army and Navy. The Red Cross is the only agency through which people of this country may give their blood to the Army and Navy. It is one of the largest controlled undertakings in medical history, requiring approximately 103,000 volunteer donors each week and a total of more than 5,000,000 pints in 1944.

"Believe It or Not" feature at the Chicago World's Fair and the Pacific International exhibition at San Diego, Cal.

HOLLYWOOD START

Discovered by Hollywood, he started with a small role in "After the Thin Man" and then played Popeye in "Cain and Mabel" and the valet in "One Rainy Afternoon." He is well-known to mid-west radio audiences for his hillbilly programs produced during the thirties and has toured the major hotel, stage and night club circuits from coast to coast. Entering the service almost three years ago, he took his basic training at Camp McClellan, Ala., where he started his work on soldier shows. After he was commissioned he served first as special service, then as athletic and recreation and information and education officer at Camp Wolters. He has taken courses in those branches of staff work at the School for Personnel Servicing, Lexington, Va.



SUPERIOR ORIENTATION CENTER in 1st Company of Infantry Training Det. No. 2, School Troops, is shown above with Pfc. Richard J. McWilliams, its constructor, pointing out features to Lieut. Kenneth Myers, 1. and E. Officer. (U. S. Army Photo—The Infantry School.)

Former Dept. Store Display Manager Applies Skill to Orientation Display

The guiding principles of the Army's orientation program have been expressed by Pfc. Richard J. McWilliams, of the 1st Infantry Training Company, Detachment 2, School Troops, TTS Working under Lt. Kenneth Myers, company 1 and E. officer. McWilliams has developed the company's orientation center into a model of neatness and effective presentation.

Pfc. McWilliams, before his induction in December 1943, was a display manager for a large department store in Lewiston, Maine and evidently applies his knowledge and ideas to the company's orientation center.

NEWS UP TO DATE

"No one likes yesterday's news," I try to keep all my news up to date, he said. "And I try to use the maps, pictures and clippings sparingly—no one is going to pry into a jungle of paper and news. I keep everything neat and attractive. My experience in display work brought home to me the importance of these factors."

"Presentation in orientation, as in displays in department stores, is most important. A caption with which the map is read and remembered. It's good to dramatize some aspects," he advised.

Ex-'Gator Officer Wins Medal of Honor in Italy

Two former members of The Infantry School, First Lieutenant Orville E. Bloch, who was commissioned at the School, October 23, 1942 and later served with the 124th Infantry School Troops Brigade, and Second Lieutenant Thomas W. Wigle, who was commissioned at the School, March 9, 1943, were recently awarded the Medal of Honor, given for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty.

Lt. Bloch received his award in Italy, for single-handedly capturing 19 prisoners, wounding six of them, and eliminating a total of five machine gun nests.

Lt. Wigle, who received the award posthumously, was a platoon leader that was without an officer, and led it in a house to house attack, where his actions led to the capture of 38 Germans.

CITATION

Lt. Bloch's citation reads: On 22 September 1944 near Frenzola, Italy, Lt. Bloch undertook the task of wiping out five enemy machine gun nests that had held up the advance in that particular sector for 1 day. Gathering three volunteers from his platoon, the patrol snaked their way to a big room, behind which a group of three buildings and five machine gun nests were located. Leaving the three men behind the first machine gun nest alone, charging into furious automatic fire, kick-

OC Assistant Scoutmaster At Benning

Helping in the organization of Fort Benning's Boy Scout Troop Number 11 is OC Robert L. McConaughy, 22nd Company of The Infantry School's 3d Student Training Regiment.

Under the suggestion of Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, who serves as vice president of the Georgia-Alabama Scout Council, Lt. Col. Ernest J. Knott, executive officer of the 1447 SCU, took over the duties of Scoutmaster of Troop 11, and enlisted aid among post personnel to volunteer service toward bringing the troop to full membership.

The troop membership is made up of the sons of Benning personnel and now amounts to 25.

MODERN CABIN

Army authorities have provided a cabin with up-to-date facilities behind Russ Pool for the use of the boys. A Cub pack for boys from 10-12 has also been chartered and uses the same facilities. Assistant Scoutmaster McConaughy has had more than 10 years' experience with the Scout movement. An Eagle Scout, he organized his own troop in Washington, D. C., and published a troop magazine which drew national recognition among similar publications.

CAMP COUNCILOR

In civilian days during the summer months McConaughy acted as Camp Councilor, and found spare time to establish both a Sea Scout ship and a Cub pack in Washington.

Troop 11 meets every Friday

Without a moment's hesitation he dashed toward them. The enemy fired pistols wildly in his direction and he saw through a door of the house Lt. Bloch following them through the door, firing his carbine from the hip, wounded two of the enemy and capturing six. Altogether Lt. Bloch had single-handedly captured 19 prisoners, wounding 6 of them, and eliminating a total of five enemy machine gun nests. His gallant and heroic action saved his company many casualties and permitted them to continue the attack with new inspiration and vigor.

All illustrations, maps and captions, which are presented with the utmost neatness, are in red, white, black, green, yellow and blue colors.

Of the eight companies in Detachment 2, the 1st, 4th and 5th were rated "superior" by Captain Conrad R. Underdahl, Detachment 1 and E. officer. The other five companies received ratings of "excellent."

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Applications in regular mailing card form are obtainable from soldier voting offices in individual units or may be obtained at the Information and Education office at Post Headquarters.

The New Jersey state election will be held on June 12 with ballots to be mailed to soldiers after April 12. Illinois' special election will be held April 3 and ballots already are available for mailing to soldiers.

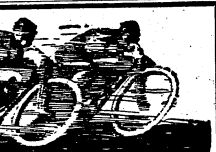
Retired Veteran Still Working

A retired veteran of World Wars I and II who saw service in France, Africa, and Mexico finds, after thirty continuous years of army life that there is something missing in his activities if he is not around the GI Joes and helping them to carry on.

It was this reason that caused Homer E. Thomas of Indianapolis, Ind., to seek employment in the insurance section of the Reception Center last June that he may aid the many new recruits to arrange their insurance affairs.

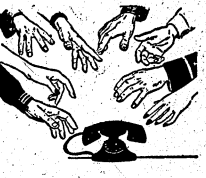
Since 1913 when Thomas first enlisted in the army he has undergone many interesting and unusual night at 7:30. Men with experience as Scouts and Scouters have been invited to participate in troop activities.

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experiences about which he finds delight in talking. He had the honor of driving two presidents in the same jeep when he chauffeured President Roosevelt and President Barclay of Liberia in the hot climate of Africa.

He saw action in France in World War I and participated in skirmishes on the Mexican border. He suffered five attacks of malaria while serving in the army. He has been decorated several times and wears the Mexican border Africa.

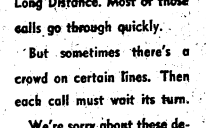


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Two Academic Heroes Awarded Combat Badges

Private First Class Noel E. Kurtz whose action in the Italian campaign had already earned him the Silver Star and Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, and Private First Class Elliott A. Rowen, whose unit had the difficult job of cleaning out "pockets" of Japanese on Guadalcanal, were decorated by Lt. William W. Wilson with Combat Infantryman Badges at a special formation of Company A, Academic Regiment, The Infantry School last Wednesday evening.

LAND AT SALERNO
Kurtz, who landed at Salerno, was first wounded and cited for gallantry when he "materially assisted his battalion in maintaining communication with the command post" during the critical period. His battalion's command post was surrounded, all its communications rendered useless, except radio. Kurtz was operating runners sent to contact the regiment could not get through the enemy circle. Then a German shell fell in the command post, seriously hurting Kurtz in the right arm.

After getting first aid, he "immediately resumed operating the radio with his left hand in spite of the painful wound and constant shelling," according to his Silver Star citation, and he continued working for more than two hours before the post was abandoned and he was evacuated to the hospital.

AT CASSINO
After he got back into action five weeks later, a shell landed in the battalion outpost and constant shelling, according to his Silver Star citation, and he continued working for more than two hours before the post was abandoned and he was evacuated to the hospital.

DAY-AND-NIGHT
The worst day-and-night of all started late one morning when rain muffled the jungle sounds and Rowen's platoon walked smack into a series of Jap snipers before they could know of the other's presence. Well-protected enemy riflemen opened up on the Americans who were spread out along a single trail. The sergeant in the lead was hit and the platoon, caught in an awkward position, was obliged to withdraw, but not before it was certain it had inflicted at least two casualties on the enemy.

As darkness fell American mortars shelled the valley, and next morning they found the Jap positions abandoned. One dugout was sealed up, apparently as a grave. Thus, Rowen says, the slow cleaning up process dragged on for 42 consecutive days.

Rowen's wife and parents live in Hudson, N. Y., where he was a factory worker before the war.

Fiscal Division Issues 20,000 Bonds Monthly

Few people realize the important part that the Fiscal Division at Fort Benning plays in the success of the War Bond program of the War Department.

The Fiscal Director, Lt. Colonel A. E. R. Howarth, has issued over 20,000 War Bonds monthly since last October to military and civilian personnel. These bonds have totaled over \$2,000,000.00 in maturity value during this same period of time and represent a sizeable asset towards the nation's War Bond effort.

SPECIAL SECTION
Eight civilians and two enlisted men comprise the War Bond Section which is responsible for all functions necessary in placing the bonds in the hands of the families of soldiers and civilians. Difficulty is being experienced by the Fiscal Division in delivering bonds to dependents of officer and enlisted personnel. Due to the fact there is a rapid movement of families throughout the United States, bonds are being returned daily because no forwarding address has been given to the postal authorities by dependents of military personnel.

All officers and enlisted men are urged to keep their Personnel Officers informed of changes in the address of their families or listed co-owners.

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Within an hour after they were notified by Col. Charles M. Crawford and Major R. F. Jones of Post Ordnance that the 1945 American Red Cross Campaign was on, all eleven employees of the Ordnance Tool and Equipment Warehouse each contributed a day's pay towards the success of the drive.

The group contributed a sum of \$48.90 during the noon lunch hour of the first day of the drive. Just recently this group gave excellent support to the Infantile Paralysis Drive and they are also subscribing 100 per cent for the War Bond purchases through payroll deductions.

Employees of the Tools and Equipment Warehouse include: Edward E. Clark, foreman, Stanford O. Slayton, John T. Pearce, William F. Bullock, Ruth V. Holden, Laskiel Beasley, Chipley Jackson, Jim B. Williams, Andrew Jackson, James St. Clair and Mack Edmonds.

WACs Suffering War Casualties

Husbands and brothers of five women of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School, have recently been reported as killed or missing in the European theater of operations.

Staff Sergeant Robert Rubbert, 23-year-old brother of Sergeant Dorothy Rubbert, has died of injuries suffered while serving with the combat military police in France. WAC Sergeant Rubbert went home on emergency leave in Indianapolis, Ind., immediately after she and her family were notified.

WOUNDED IN FRANCE
Lieutenant Francis J. Hughes, former Academic Regiment sergeant, has been wounded in France, according to his wife, Staff Sergeant Grace Hughes, who pinned his bars on him when he was commissioned at The Infantry School last August.

On his way back to the States after being wounded in Belgium is Lieutenant Buddy B. Sauer, husband of Corporal Alta R. Sauer. Corporal Mabel Turner's brother, Corporal Walter Turner, who has been wounded four times in Italy, and Staff Sergeant Mary Proud's brother Corporal Walter Phalen, who was hurt by a land mine explosion in France, have already been returned to the States for further treatment.

EIGHT CASUALTIES

These reports bring to eight the number of brothers and husbands of women of WAC Detachment One, The Infantry School so far listed as casualties. Corporals Elsie Eklof and Ora Sauer had previously lost their husbands, and Private First Class Marguerite Wisnietz' brother, in the war against the Axis.

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OCS of Battle Also Gets Bars For Courageous

(The following news story is quoted from the February 17 issue of "33rd Spearhead," 33rd Division newspaper which is published in Luxembourg.)

From the OCS of battle have come more than 60 Division line officers whose courage and leadership as EM have won them coveted combat commissions.

At various times and places along the war-torn route of the 33rd from Carentan to Duren, they have risen to the many occasions that marked each one as a potential leader. They have won prizes for heroism, they have been wounded in action, but they have come back fighting to head the units in which they once served.

Typical of the selected 60 are men like Lt. Francis J. Madden of Sayre, Pa. Before coming overseas with Co. D of the 330th Infantry as a staff sergeant, he had seen service in Dutch and French Guiana, Trinidad and Hawaii. Promoted to tech sergeant, he was wounded by sniper fire in Normandy, later rejoined his outfit at the Loire River. When the Germans attempted to counter-attack on Stromberg Hill in Luxembourg, he was instrumental in developing his unit so that it fought the battle of the Belgian Bulge.

BELGIAN BULGE
During operations in Germany, Madden's men were always there where needed. In the fight for Bihain, Belgium, he consistently brought in his heavy weapons platoon to support and hold ground against the rifle and tank combination. Following his commission, he went on to win promotion to first lieutenant for his part in the battle of the Belgian Bulge.

There's quite a story behind gold bar and Bronze Star winner Joseph A. Golonka of Co. I, 329th Infantry. While his company was engaged in the town of Birgel, Germany, they were pinned down on the bank of a stream by two machinegun nests some 50 yards apart on the opposite side. Solonka forced the stream under enemy observation and by careful infiltration knocked out both guns and killed the crews. Penetrating further, he discovered another nest, killed two of the crew and brought the third back alive.

COMMISSIONED
For courage and leadership on many occasions such as this Golonka was made first sergeant at Pettit Langir and then second lieutenant.

Down in Co. A of the 331st Infantry, Lt. Joseph Stranahan of Brookline, Mass., is something of a legend. One of the original Atterbury doughboys, he's held every enlisted rank on his way to a commission. During the hedgerow fighting in Normandy, where his work was outstanding, he was wounded and captured by the Nazis. But he was left behind in a hospital in Rennes when the Germans cleared out and came back to resume his place and receive his bars with the 33rd.

WACs Have Been With Us Two Years, Thirty of Original Company Remain

Two years ago this week, on March 5, 1943, Fort Benning received its first contingent of what were at that time the khaki-clad curiosities known as Wacs. The then 43rd WAAC Post Hq. Co. was royally welcomed by members of the garrison who were eager to see just how the women would handle their jobs as soldiers.

Greeted at the station by Brigadier General Walter Scott Fulton, then Commanding General of Fort Benning, the women marched on that cold, misty morning to their barracks, looking—they now laughingly recall—like the prize sacks of the military service.

FANCY BREAKFAST
Almost hidden in the long overcoats they had been issued just before receiving their orders to report to Fort Benning, the women arrived at their barracks at one time with 1,650,000 cigarettes.

Many changes have been made in the personnel roster of the company which, with the entrance of the Corps into the Army in August 1943, became WAC Headquarters Detachment Station One.

78 GO OVERSEAS
Only 30 of the original number who came directly from basic training and Advanced Training School at Daytona Beach, Fla., are still listed on the Detachment's morning report. The overseas duty has claimed 78 of them, and 17 have made the change from stripes to bars by completing training at OCS.

FOUR CO'S
Now commanded by Lt. Dorothy E. Phillips, the Detachment has had four commanding officers since it was brought here by Capt. (then Lt.) Evelyn Rolfe. Captain Jeanette Miller, now Assistant Personal Affairs Officer, was CO of the Detachment from September 1943 to October 1944 when she be-

Jackson Plaque Unveiled Sunday

A plaque commemorating Major General Stonewall Jackson, who several times during his military career was stationed at Fort Benning, was unveiled on Sunday, March 4 in the Main Post Chapel.

At the time of his death on October 13, 1843, General Jackson was commanding the 84th Infantry Division in the 3rd Army maneuvers. His death came as the result of an airplane accident at Camp Polk, La.

MANY FRIENDS

Both General Jackson and his wife, Dorothy, who is now living in Plattsburg, N. Y., are well and fondly remembered by all those who knew them during the time they were stationed at the Post. Here first as a student in the Company Officers' Course at The Infantry School in 1924, General Jackson returned as an instructor in 1929.

The simple marble plaque, the gift of his wife, was presented at

the memorial service by Major General Fred L. Walker, Commandant of The Infantry School. He recently completed a Naval V-12 course at Emory University.

An experimental air mail service line was set up between New York and Washington in 1918.

INSPIRING EXAMPLE
"In both he was outstanding because his kindness, consideration, and forcefulness live now among us as inspiring examples worthy of emulation. Though to God's care, his gracious memory will live on here in the Post Chapel at Fort Benning."

Sergeant Scoville's Son Enrolled in Navy School

Joseph F. Scoville, son of Master Sergeant and Mrs. John T. Scoville, 115 Ingersoll Loop, Fort Benning, who has been the guest of his parents has left for Fort Schuyler, N. Y., where he will enroll in the Midshipman's School. He recently completed a Naval V-12 course at Emory University.

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